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SUBJ: HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO AND FROM MOSCOW

1. THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED IN HAVING IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT THE LIST OF PROJECTED HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WHICH EMERGED FROM COMPARISON OF NOTES AT MARCH 11 POL COUNSELORS' MEETING, ALTHOUGH LIST IS DOUBTLESS NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE.

2. EUROPE:

-- QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL DE COURCEL ARRIVED IN MOSCOW MARCH 11 TO CONTINUE REGULAR FRENCH POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MOSCOW. A FRENCH EMBOFF TOLD US THAT HIGH ON LIST OF QUESTIONS FRENCH WILL WANT TO DISCUSS ARE THE MAGHREB AND DJIBOUTI; AND THAT THEY WILL BE EXPECTNG THE USUAL SOVIET PRESSURE ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES.

-- GROMYKO VISITS THE UK MARCH 22-25, AND THIS TIME APPARENTLY WILL SNUH MARGARET THATCHER, DROPPING THE USUAL CALL ON THE OPPOSITION LEADER. GROMYKO IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A RETURN VISIT BY BREZHNEV. HE WILL BE ACCOMPAINED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN

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MINISTER ZEMSKOV, RATHER THAN KOZYREV, WHO HEADS THAT

LOS DELEGATION.

-- KEKKONEN IS DUE TO MAKE HIS ANNUAL HUNTING VISIT TO ZAVIDOVO, PERHAPS IN LATE MARCH. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT REMAINS A LIVE ONE, HOWEVER.

-- PALME WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW APRIL 5 FOR A FOUR DAY VISIT, RETURNING KOSYGIN'S 1973 VISIT TO SWEDEN. BREZHNEV OWES RETURN VISITS TO FRANCE, THE UK, AND THE FRG. WHILE LITTLE IS BEING SAID HERE ABOUT A VISIT TO THE FRG--BECAUSE OF THE ELECTIONS--VISITS TO THE UK AND TO FRANCE SEEM TO CONTINUE TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. ASIA:

-- INDIRA GANDHI IS VERY LIKELY TO VISIT THE USSR WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, ACCORDING TO SOURCES HERE AND IN INDIA. SOME INDICATE THAT SHE WILL COME IN LATE MARCH, BUT INDIAN EMBOFF TO WHO WE SPOKE RECENTLY SAID THAT LATE APRIL WOULD BE A BETTER GUESS.

-- KIM IL SUNG MAY BE COMING SOME TIME THIS SPRING, BUT WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING DEFINITE. THE SIGNS DO NOT LOOK AUSPICIOUS IN VIEW OF TEPID KOREAN RHETORIC AT THE PARTY CONGRESS AND PYONGYANG'S ASSUMED DISPLEASURE OVER LOW-LEVEL SOVIET CONTACTS WITH SOUTH KOREA. DUT A VISIT COULD PROBABLY BE ARRANGED ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE IF KIM DECIDES THAT HE WANTS TO COME.

-- FERDINAND MARCOS IS DUE TO VISIT IN THE LATE SPRING AND WILL PRESUMABLY NORMALIZE RELATIONS THEN. THE DATE IS REPORTED TO BE MAY 31.

-- KING BIRENDRA OF NEPAL IS REPORTED TO BE PLANNING A VISIT. AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER IS A LIKELY TIMEFRAME.

4. MIDDLE/NORTH AFRICA:

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-- A VISIT BY KING HUSSEIN SEEMS TO BE FIRMLY ON THE TRACKS. THE JORDANIANS HERE GIVE THE DATE AS SOMETIME IN JUNE.

BOURGUIBA WILL REPORTEDLY BE COMING IN JUNE OR JULY.

-- WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT MOROCCAN PRIME

MINISTER OSMAN WILL BE RETURNING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON AN OFFICIAL, AS OPPOSED TO WORKING, VISIT.

-- ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM KUWAIT, GROMYKO WILL VISIT THERE "SOON".

5. COMMENT. THOUGH THE LIST WILL BE FLESHED OUT IN COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS, THE DECISION ON WHETHER BREZHNEV WILL VISIT ANY OF THE MAJOR WEST EUROPEAN STATES THIS SUMMER WILL DETERMINE HOW ACTIVE THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE SOVIET "PEACE OFFENSIVE" WILL BE DURING THIS PERIOD. WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF THE UK, FRANCE, OR THE FRG, THE LIST--EVEN INCLUDING INDIRA GANDHI--IS NOT YET ALL THE IMPRESSIVE. STOESSEL

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